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To: Jane Henney, FDA Commissioner
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RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1

Dear Commissioner Henney,

Being a person with allergies to a wide variety of allergens, playing with genetic combinations that are unknown and unprecedented make me feel that I am playing Russian Roulette just buying food in the grocery store. I always read nutritional labels because of my allergy to eggs (both the white and the yolk).

It is hard enough with my knowledge of foods which is more than the average person to eat out at restaurants or at church or at friends without having to worry that some other item might be genetically changed enough to cause me breathing problems. I already take three allergy shots a week, an allergy medicine and I have an inhaler and I still have to be put on steroids from time to time so that I can breathe.

Try eating breakfast with out eggs when you are out at a restaurant (this means no pancakes, waffles, muffins, danish, or donuts either). With this allergy I can not take a flu shot, even though, with my breathing problems I should. With this allergy I also have to let doctor's know because some anesthesia have eggs as a basis.

I lost 30 pounds after finding out about this allergy (not that I couldn't stand to do so) because there are a lot of things I just can't eat anymore. There is only one version of one brand of salad dressing (Miracle Whip type) that I can use now and there is only one store in a neighboring state that carries it, needless to say, I don't have macaroni salad or potato salad or coleslaw out anywhere if they have a mayonaise base. I have to watch salads, salad dressings, pastas, soups, meat dishes and fried foods just to name a few. Low fat items in the grocery store regularly insert egg whites somewhere in the mix. Try skimming through a dessert menu, watch out for the ice cream, cakes, pies, puddings, candy and cookies, (only oreo types, sugar wafers, sherbet, and fruit are safe bets) unless you make them yourself.

I know that others have similar food allergies and even trying to read the ingredient labels can be a challenge with the size of the print. In addition I still have to hope that someone hasn't forgot to put the ingredient on the label as has happened with some recalls.

Please don't add another burden of having to worry that the genetic pool will change enough that I will have to stop eating what is left, I've lost enough weight now!

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